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Section	13	Visiting and communication (N.J.A.C. 10:127-10.13)	

§10:127-10.13 Visiting and communication

- (a) The facility shall ensure that the adolescents and infants are allowed to have regular contact with family members, including the infant's father.
 - 1. The facility may designate hours for family visits provided that there are at least three opportunities for families to visit each week.
 - 2. The facility may limit family members' visits to designated places within the facility provided that family members visiting with the infant have access to equipment and toys that can foster communication with the infant.
- (b) The facility shall develop a visiting policy and explain the visiting policy to the adolescent and her parent(s) at intake. The visiting policy shall specify:
 - 1. How visiting may be arranged;
 - 2. That family visits shall not be denied for an adolescent's infraction of rules, but may be denied as part of a case management plan after consultation with the Division's case manager or other placing agency;
 - 3. That family members who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol shall not be allowed to transport the adolescent or her infant;
 - 4. That the adolescent and infant may visit with representatives from the Division or other placing agency upon request and that these visits shall not be denied for any reason;
 - 5. The hours when an adolescent may visit with friends and whether the adolescent's visits with friends may be curtailed for infraction of the rules:
 - 6. That the facility may overrule an adolescent's arrangements for leaving her infant with persons living outside the facility; and

7. That family members, including the infant's father, shall not be denied visitation unless the facility documents how they pose a risk to the infant or adolescent.